

Leaving MEDCO

NEW MEDCO SHIPPING METHOD WORKS!

A new trend in shipping was begun at MEDCO on March 16, when the first flatcar loaded with MEDCO Plywood rolled out of the yard on its way east.

The severe boxcar shortage presently being experienced throughout the northwest led to the MEDCO innova-

tion. Using a special wrapping paper made by the Carpenter Paper Co., the load of interior plywood was paper-wrapped for protection.

It Worked!

On March 25, we received a note from Ed Burton of Burton-Walker Lumber at Ogden, Utah, telling us that the car had arrived in good shape, and enclosing the "after" picture above. Unloading time was 40 minutes, the same time required to unload a wide-door boxcar, but only half the time needed to unload a narrow-door boxcar.

tion certificates. We strongly advise you to claim the **exact** number of dependents. Reporting less than you are actually entitled to will greatly reduce your take-home pay under the new tables. Your supervisor will contact you soon to fill out an exemption certificate.

New Withholding Forms W-4 Needed

Married persons must file **new** withholding exemption certificates before May 1, 1966 to be sure that the correct amount of tax is withheld. Otherwise, employers must use the less favorable rate tables that apply to single persons.

The new law has new and different withholding tables so that if you report your proper number of exemptions and your single or married status, the tables will give your proper tax for the year.

While a canvas was made in January, the new law means that the company must again ask for new exemp-



At Destination

New Publication Out

The first issue of **MEDCO Reports**, a new customer-directed publication, came off the press early in March, and was mailed to more than 450 customer-friends.

This first issue, designed to bring MEDCO customers closer to our personnel and operation, highlighted MEDCO's "instant invoicing" program, the WATS system and the MEDCO Tree Farm, in addition to market information by Sales Manager **Ed Nave**.



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MEDCO
REPORTS

These Are the Hands That Feed Us !

Aside from the fellows in shipping, few of us hear the names of MEDCO's customers. These are the firms and individuals who generally market our products to the ultimate user, forming a vital link in MEDCO's distribution chain!

While space allows only a listing of the main customers, MEDCO takes great pride in providing the same high quality and good service for all customers—as valued business partners in today's complex and competitive marketing and sales distribution pattern.

It may be interesting to note that less than half of the firms listed are West Coast operations, while nearly a third of the list are California-based companies.

Main Lumber Customers: Baugh Brothers Lumber Co., Los Angeles, California; Black Diamond Lumber Co., Sacramento, California; Cascade

Woods Crew Is Really Going Full Bore

Now that Old Lady Winter has lost her grip on the woods, a full crew—70 men—has returned to normal woods operations. **Al Smith**, Logging Manager, reports that they have really been going full bore! The last week of March and first week of April, the crew has been keeping 20 of contract hauler King's trucks busy, shipping an average of 70 loads per day.

"Break Up" Over

The woods are customarily closed during parts of February and March for the "break up" period—the time when the snow on the ground is melting and the rains are coming down, and it's just too wet to operate without chewing up the terrain enough to cause real problems later in the year.

From here on, it looks like the Woods Crew should be working hard the rest of the year.

Congratulations to newly-wedded **Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Evans!** Bob's bride is a Texan, and the wedding was held in Waco in February. Best wishes, **Bob and Judy!**

Wood Products, White City Oregon; Harroun Lumber Co., Watertown, New York; Hart Lumber Co., Shreveport, Louisiana; Hirsch Lumber Co., New York, New York; Henderson Lumber Sales, Roswell, New Mexico; Lamon Lumber Co., San Francisco, California; Richardson Lumber Co., Santa Ana, California; Riggel Lumber Sales, Long Beach, California; Sanford Harris Lumber Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Simmons Lumber Co., Houston, Texas; Slaughter Bros. Inc., Dallas, Texas; Webb Lumber Co., Cleveland, Ohio.


Main Plywood Customers: California Wholesale Plywood, Pico Rivera, California; Evans Products Company, Portland, Oregon; Furman Lumber Co., Boston, Massachusetts; Matt Greenberg Sales Co., Bay City, Michigan; Ray Hill Plywood Co., Los Angeles, California; L. R. McCoy Co. Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts; North Pacific Lumber Co., Portland, Oregon; Richardson Lumber Co., Santa Ana, California; Stahlman Lumber Co., Houston, Texas; Structural Laminates, West Coast; U. S. Plywood Corp., Nationwide.

Roy Kelley, retired MEDCO lumber plant carrier driver, is still smiling. Although we miss seeing him every day, we do get to see Roy whenever he needs sawdust for his gardening! Roy stopped in around the end of March, and still has that big, friendly smile for everyone. Wonder if retirement has something to do with that?

new arrivals

Don and Joyce Lucier are the proud parents of a boy, born March 25. **Daniel Thomas Lucier** joined the family weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. **Don** is in the Plywood Division.

Acie and Linda Jewell welcomed a new 7 lb. 4 oz. daughter on April 1. **Acie** works in the Sawmill Division. March 10 brought a baby girl, **Tere-**


come back soon

The woods crew has had three men in the hospital during the past month, but all are back in the job now. **Bud Tungate, Bill Harris** and **Dwayne Smeltzer**—it's good to see you back on the job!

Although **Homer Pleyer**, who delivers fuel to the Medford Schools, has not returned to work as yet, we hear that his back is better. **Homer** will be going to Portland for another check-up and hopes to be back at work soon. Best wishes, **Homer**—we'll be looking for you!

Kenneth Stolt Improving

From the Kaiser Rehabilitation Hospital in Vallejo, California comes word of great personal courage. **Kenny Stolt** of the Plywood Plant was severely injured in an automobile accident just before Christmas, and was in a local hospital for several weeks before being taken to the Vallejo hospital.

When he went down, **Kenny** was bedridden, with little control of his legs or arms. **Kenny** has been having therapy nearly every day, and can now move his legs a little, and use his hands some, even to being able to write a little bit. He is also able to pull himself to a sitting position, and his doctor says that some day he will walk again.

Mrs. Stolt says that during the hot months this summer, **Kenny** will come home for the change and greater comfort, returning to Vallejo in the fall.

We understand that the group insurance program carried by MEDCO has been a very great help to the Stolt family; particularly the Aetna disability and the major medical coverage, as well as the Mercy Flights transportation.

Kenny would really appreciate a few words from us. Send a letter or card to him right away. His address is:

Kenneth Stolt
Kaiser Rehabilitation Hospital
20600 Alameda
Vallejo, California

sa **Lynn Schaecher** to **Ronald and Sherry Schaecher**. **Ron** is in the Plywood Division.



MEDCO FCU REACHES \$100,000

Congratulations to all MEDCO Credit Union Members!

You are now shareholders in a \$100,000 organization. As of March 31, 1966, MEDCO Federal Credit Union assets exceeded \$100,000. Each of you deserves a lot of credit.

There have been 1706 loans made for a total of \$757,550.34 since the organization of the credit union.

Recognizing the vigorous, sound growth of the MEDCO Credit Union, the Board of Directors at their March meeting changed the by-laws to allow members to deposit unlimited funds in the credit union. Until this decision was reached, the deposit limit was \$3,000. **Now there is no limit.** Life insurance coverage on the first \$2,000 remains the same.

MEDCO Credit Union is now making Estate Loans, so if you would like to add to your estate, drop by the Credit Union office and find out about this service. **Office hours are 12:00 to 12:45 and from 5:00 to 6:00, Monday through Friday.**

Portable Hair Dryers Can Be Fatal

Time was when the 115-volt AC portable radio used to fall into bathtubs and electrocute people. We don't often hear that story any more since the battery portables became so popular—but **there is a new threat: the portable electric hair dryer.**

Using an electric hair dryer where the cord can be splashed, or while having wet hands or standing in a puddle of water such as may occur around laundry appliances is potentially fatal. Never use your electric hair dryer while bathing, doing the laundry or the dishes—or anywhere that there is a chance of "grounding."

MEDCO-ARC Sessions Draw 35 at Butte Falls

Approximately 35 public-spirited citizens, including 30 men from our Woods Crew, took part in the MEDCO-sponsored first aid classes held March 8 to April 12 at the Butte Falls Community Center.

Leroy Williams, American Red Cross Certified First Aid Instructor from the Medford Fire Department conducted the meetings, which consisted of two hours of instruction, practice and knowledge application per session.

Another Session Planned

Another Red Cross First Aid class will be held later on in the year, probably next fall, so watch your bulletin boards and News & Views for the announcement!

It was good to see some MEDCO families in attendance, as well as friends from the Butte Falls area. Taking the course were:

Orba Abbott, Donald Baker, Warren Brown, Charles Capello and his wife Ruth and son John, Larry Cavin, Leland Coffman, Michael Cole, Virgil Conley and Gilbert Debusk.

Also Donald Dillard, Robert Driskell, Roger Ellefson, Charles Ferguson and son Jerry, Logging Superintendent Sherley Hatcher, Leslie Hunsaker, Donald Jolliffe, William Lytle and Dale Mecum.

Also Daniel McKeen, James Moore, Willfred Moore, Fred Rambo, Logging Manager Al Smith, Tom Stanton, Leroy Thompson and wife Nancy, Bill Earls, Hank Wright, Bill Harris and Charles Stockton.

The Forest Service was also represented by Merlin Schweb and Mrs. Leo (Naomi) Hughes.

New Feature:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

In introducing a new monthly feature about MEDCO-ites and their jobs, it only seems right to start with the Paymaster, **Bob Clark.**

At first glance, **Bob's** duties as Paymaster seem overwhelming. To list only a few, **Bob** is responsible for preparing and proving the payroll, issuing



United Crusade Honors Go To MEDCO, Drew

MEDCO's **Plywood Division** was awarded a United Crusade award for the fifth consecutive year for active support of the United Crusade fund drive at the annual dinner held on March 23. Plywood Division representatives **Don Baker** and **Elmer Johnson**, assistant plywood plant superintendent, accepted the award on behalf of the entire division.

A citation for outstanding campaign service was awarded to **Chan Drew** by campaign chairman John Dies at the dinner also.

MEDCO-ites can be proud of the fine contribution they have made over the years to the well-being of our community.

pay checks, issuing W-2 forms at the end of the year, and making out payroll tax reports.

Bob also prepares management analysis documents, and is currently taking advanced IBM training.



Market Report



By Ed Nave
Sales Manager

Market conditions remain strong throughout most of the country. The spring buying and low winter inventories are the main reasons for this good market condition.

The California and Arizona markets are possibly the weakest areas in the U.S., due to an excess of new homes in these areas, leaving the demand for additional houses still some time away.

From available information at this time, we feel that we will continue to have a boxcar shortage problem most of the year. We probably will have some periods of fair supply, and some periods of severe shortages. With this type of car supply, it is difficult to schedule orders for reasonable shipment to our customers.

Delgado, Jr. in USAF

Airman Third Class Stan Delgado, Jr., has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and has been reassigned to the 3443rd Student Squadron at Lowry Technical Training Center, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado.

Stan Jr., who worked in the Plywood Division before entering the Air Force, was home for the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Delgado, Sr. Stan Sr., MEDCO's Office Maintenance man, reports that his son is being trained as a Photographic Equipment Repairman.

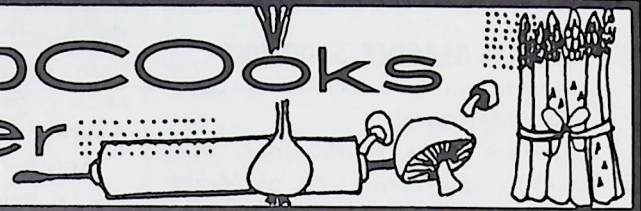
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MEDCOOks corner



The MEDCOok judges finally reached a unanimous decision: when it comes to cookie-baking, you just can't beat our MEDCOOks! It was a difficult (but delicious!) task to choose a winner from this month's many wonderful entries—they were all so good

—but Mrs. Russell "Blackie" Blacksmith's easy-to-make recipe for Nut Crisp Cookies finally won out.

We're sure that these must be favorites of "Blackie," who is a glue mixer on the day shift. Congratulations, Mrs. Blacksmith!

Edna Blacksmith's Nut Crisp Cookies

- ½ C shortening
- 1 C brown sugar (packed)
- 1 egg, well-beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 C sifted flour
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ to 1 C chopped nuts

Cream shortening and sugar, beat in egg and vanilla, sift together and stir in dry ingredients. Add nuts, and drop by teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 12-15 minutes at 350°. Makes 3 dozen.

For the May issue, we'll be looking for good pie recipes. So, send along your favorite pie recipe to P.O. Box 545, Medford, Oregon. It may be fresh fruit—like seasonal rhubarb or berry—or it may be a treasured family favorite. But be sure to send it along now. If your recipe is judged the best, we'll send you \$1.00.

Vinson Takes High Game and Series, Griffith Bowls High Handicap Series

The MEDCO Bowling League is rolling right along, with "old reliable" Eldon Vinson taking high game and high series honors on the April 4 standing, with a 253 and a 590, respectively. Eldon received a 250 or higher game trophy from the Roxy Ann Lanes also. High Series with Handicap was bowled by By Griffith, with a 659.

High Series scorers by team were Laps & Gaps, Jack Goodwin, 520; Rejects, Joe Beatty, 509; Sawmill, Chuck Learn, 538; Five Stoogies, By Griffith, 566; Stump Jumpers, John Tungate, 543; Scratch Pads, Eldon Vinson, 590; Odds & Ends, Moc Atterbury, 544; Wreckers, Walt Craig, 588; Chinese Bandits, Carol Poc, 547; White Specks, Steve Lako, 486; Blackjacks, Rosie Rosenberger, 558; and Mavericks, Lou Digby, 505. Standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
1. Laps & Gaps	15½	8½	.646
2. Rejects	15	9	.625
3. Sawmill	15	9	.625
4. Five Stoogies	15	9	.625
5. Stump Jumpers	14	10	.583

6. Scratch Pads	14	10	.583
7. Odds & Ends	14	10	.583
8. Wreckers	11	13	.458
9. Chinese Bandits	10½	13½	.437
10. White Specks	8	16	.333
11. Blackjacks	7	17	.292
12. Mavericks	5	19	.208